

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOSEPH RAYMOND BERGER

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: DPAE5:22CR00033-001

USMS Number: 85007-509

Michael Brendan McCrossen, Esq.

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- ☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 and 3
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____
which was accepted by the court.
- ☐ was found guilty on count(s) _____
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18:922(o) and 924(a)(2)	Possession of a machinegun	January 27, 2021	1
26:5845(a)(7), 5871, and 5861(d)	Possession of a non-registered firearm (suppressor)	January 27, 2021	3

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____
- ☒ Count(s) 2 ☒ is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

June 24, 2024
Date of Imposition of Judgment

/s/ Joseph F. Leeson, Jr.
Signature of Judge

Joseph F. Leeson, Jr.
United States District Judge

Date Signed: June 24, 2024

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PROBATION

You are hereby sentenced to probation for a term of:

Thirty-six (36) months as to each of counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment, to run concurrently.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not possess a weapon or other dangerous device.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of placement on probation and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 2248, 2259, 2264, 2327, 3663, 3663A, and 3664. *(check if applicable)*
8. You must pay the assessment imposed in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3013.
9. If this judgment imposes a fine, you must pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.
10. You must notify the court of any material change in your economic circumstances that might affect your ability to pay restitution.

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your probation, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer. You must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon [i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus (“nunchucks”) or tasers].
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. The Defendant shall refrain from all gambling activities, legal or otherwise. The Defendant is to attend Gamblers Anonymous, or similar treatment, and remain in treatment until satisfactorily discharged.
2. The Defendant shall provide the U.S. Probation Office with full disclosure of his financial records to include yearly income tax returns upon the request of the U.S. Probation Office. The Defendant shall cooperate with the probation officer in the investigation of his financial dealings and shall provide truthful monthly statements of his income.
3. The Defendant is prohibited from incurring any new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer, unless he is in compliance with a payment schedule for his fine obligation. The Defendant shall not encumber or liquidate interest in any assets unless it is in direct service of the fine obligation or otherwise has the express approval of the Court.
4. The fine is due immediately and shall be paid in monthly installments of not less than \$50.
5. The Defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of mailing address or residence that occurs while any portion of the fine or special assessment remains unpaid.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$ 200	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>800.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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TOTALS \$ _____ \$ _____

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☒ the interest requirement is waived for ☒ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1985, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 1,000.00 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than _____, or
- ☐ in accordance with ☐ C ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B ☒ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☒ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☒ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

The fine is due immediately and shall be paid in monthly installments of not less than \$50.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Joint and Several			
Case Number			
Defendant and Co-Defendant Names	Joint and Several	Corresponding Payee if	
(including defendant number)	Amount	appropriate	
Total Amount			

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
 One (1) I.O. Inc., model Casar, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 015218; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Sporter, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 024495; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Casar, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 015322; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Casar, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 015170; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Casar, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 015330; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Sporter, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 024497; One (1) I.O. Inc., model Casar, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number 015269; One (1) RomArm, model AES 10B, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number VR24951976; One (1) Century Arms, model C308 Sporter, .208 Winchester caliber machinegun, bearing serial number C308E05131; One (1) Century Arms, model C308 Sporter, .308 Winchester caliber machinegun, bearing serial number C308E10500; One (1) Nodak Spud, model NDS-M92, 7.62x39mm caliber machinegun, bearing serial number V000450; One (1) MKE, model Z5-P, 9mm Luger caliber machinegun, bearing serial number T0624-15BK01915; One (1) MKE, model Z5-P, 9mm Luger caliber machinegun, bearing serial number T0624-15BK02008; One (1) six inch black colored solvent trap firearm silencer, with no serial number; One (1) six inch black colored solvent trap firearm silencer, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black and orange colored Fram oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black colored oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a Super Tech ST3506 oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black colored oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black colored oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black colored oil filter, with no serial number; One (1) firearm silencer constructed from a black colored oil filter, with no serial number; and One (1) firearm silencer constructed from an orange colored Fram PH3976A oil filter, with no serial number.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.